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Joint Statement by Governor Jan Brewer and Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer and Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal today announced the U.S. Department of Education has granted Arizona's application for relief from some of the most burdensome federal education regulations. The approved Flexibility Request means Arizona is no longer subject to many onerous elements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

"The people of Arizona know what is best for Arizona schools," said Governor Brewer. "So, I'm grateful for this reprieve from federal red tape, allowing our teachers and administrators the flexibility they require to meet the needs of Arizona students. Approval of this application also demonstrates federal buy-in with regard to Arizona's ongoing education reforms, including the State's effort to reward its best teachers and adopt more rigorous standards for students and schools."

"This is an important step forward giving schools much needed flexibility, so they can move towards substantially increasing the quality of instruction, improving academic achievement and ensuring all high school graduates are college and career ready," said State Superintendent Huppenthal.

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